

immediately after Section 273 of said Article 56 of said Code and to be designated as Sections 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284 and 285, said new sections providing for licensing of those engaged in the business of outdoor advertising; prescribing fees for such licenses; requiring applicants to secure permits and to pay a fee therefor for erecting or using billboards or other structures, signs or posters for outdoor advertising, outside of incorporated municipalities and within certain distance of public highways; prohibiting issuance of permits for the erection of structures injurious to the safety of public travel; requiring non-resident applicants for permits and licenses to give bond; requiring the State Roads Commission to administer this Act and requiring applicants for permits and licenses to furnish certain information; providing for the removal of billboards or structures, signs, posters or display advertising erected in violation of this Act; prescribing penalties for violating this Act, and making certain exceptions in its application.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That twelve (12) new and additional sections be and the same are hereby added to Article 56 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Licenses," under the sub-title "Outdoor Advertising," to follow Section 273 of said Article 56, and to be designated as Sections 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284 and 285, and to read as follows:

274. From and after June 1, 1931, no person, firm or corporation, resident or non-resident of this State, shall engage in the business generally known as outdoor advertising for profit gained from rentals or other compensation received for the erection, use or maintenance of billboards, or any other structures, signs, posters or display advertising of any kind or nature whatsoever, upon real property, without a license having first been obtained from the State Roads Commission of Maryland to engage in such business, for which the said firm, person or corporation shall pay an annual license fee for the use of the State of \$200.00; provided, however, that a person, firm, or corporation maintaining not more than fifty billboards, signs, posters, or other structures for display advertising, shall pay an annual license fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) and that the licenses first issued under this section shall be dated June 1, 1931, and shall expire on the 30th day of April succeeding,